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TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, AG, US

SUBJECT: NEWSOM-BOUSSELHAM CONVERSATION ON SUSPENSION
LNG DELIVERIES

1. CHIEF ALGERIAN INTERESTS SECTION BOUSSELHAM CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AT LATTER'S REQUEST OCT 29. NEWSOM INFORMED HIM DISTRIGAS HAD BEEN ADVISED BY SONATRACH THAT DELIVERIES LNG WOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR PERIOD TO BE DEFINED BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES BUT IN VIEW OF OIL EMBARGO THERE IS CONCERN THAT SUSPENSION MAY HAVE POLITICAL OVERTONES. NEWSOM REMINDED BOUSSELHAM THAT RELIABILITY OF ALGERIAN SUPPLY WAS AN IMPORTANT CONCERN DURING NEGOTIATIONS FOR EL PASO PROJECT AND THAT USG HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY ASSURED BY GOA THAT FLOW OF GAS WOULD NOT BE INTERRUPTED. BOUSSELHAM WAS REQUESTED SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM GOA ON CURRENT INTERRUPTION SHIPMENTS.

2. BOUSSELHAM WAS ASSURED US WANTED CONTINUATION CURRENT COOPERATION AND WAS, AT THIS POINT, NOT MAKING DEMARCHE,
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BUT WAS SEEKING INFORMATION. US WAS NOT URGING FORMAL RE-

PLY OR STATEMENT IF THIS WOULD STAND IN WAY OF ACTUAL CONTINUATION OF GAS SHIPMENTS. WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS CLEAR INDICATION THAT CURRENT EVENTS HAD NOT CHANGED OUR ESTIMATE OF ALGERIA'S RELIABILITY AS SUPPLIER.

3. BOUSSELHAM PROMISED MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AND LET DEPARTMENT KNOW IMMEDIATELY- IF CAUSE IS TECHNICAL, FULL

DETAILS WOULD BE PROVIDED. HE STATED THAT "EVEN IF THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES, WE MUST THINK OF FUTURE" AND AGREED WITH NEWSOM THAT BILATERAL CHANNELS MUST BE KEPT OPEN, CONCLUDING WITH EXPRESSION HOPE PRESENT PROBLEM WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION. KISSINGER

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